

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 6 and 10 are amended. Claims 1-3 are canceled. Claims 4-10 remain in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion below.

Claims 4 and 6 are amended so as to incorporate the elements of canceled claim 1. Claims 4 and 6 are further amended to recite that the display is movable relative to the housing and that the flip cover is movable relative to the housing and the display.

Claim 10 is amended to depend from claim 6.

The examiner rejected claims 4-9 as obvious over Shima in view of EP 1298890 to Mizuta. As to claim 4, the examiner states that Shima discloses a mobile terminal for use in a wireless communication system having means for rotating the display, citing FIG. 12, item 63, of Shima. The examiner correctly notes that Shima does not disclose means for rotating the display interposed between the display and the pivotal mounting, the rotating means allowing the display to rotate in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the pivotal mounting for positioning one of the inner major surface or the outer major surface of the display against the inner major surface of the housing or the flip cover. For this deficiency, the examiner relies on Mizuta, citing FIGS. 4a and 4b of Mizuta. The examiner concludes it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine these teachings for the purpose of providing an easier view to the user.

As to claim 6, the examiner states that Mizuta discloses a mobile terminal for use in a wireless communication system having a rotational joint mounted between the housing and the display for allowing the display to rotate in a plane about an axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the housing, citing Figs. 4a and 4b of Mizuta.

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 6 patentably distinguish from the above references. Claims 4 and 6, as amended, recite *inter alia* a mobile terminal comprising a housing, a display movably mounted to the housing for movement relative to the housing, and a flip cover pivotally mounted to the housing and movable relative to the housing and the display. Claim 4 further recites means for rotating the display interposed between the display and the pivotal mounting, the rotating means allowing the display to rotate relative to the housing and the flip cover in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the pivotal mounting. Claim 6 further recites a rotational joint mounted between the housing and the display for allowing the display to rotate relative to the housing and the flip cover in a plane about an axis perpendicular longitudinal axis of the housing. In both cases, claims 4 and 6 define an invention including independently movable housing, flip cover, and display, which is neither taught nor suggested by Shima and Mizuta.

The Shima patent is directed to a clamshell phone and a display which is viewable from both sides. Mizuta shows a jackknife phone having a flip cover with a display on only one side. The Mizuta flip cover rotates relative to the housing for positioning the display on the outside

when the phone is closed. Neither patent discloses or suggests a mobile terminal as presently claimed, wherein the housing, display and flip cover all move independently of one another. Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the references do not suggest the presently claimed invention, either singly or taken in any reasonable combination.

The invention as defined in claims 4 and 6 contributes significantly to the goal of a mobile terminal adapted to efficiently accommodate multiple functions while maintaining compactness and portability. The references cited by the examiner fail to recognize and thus realize the advantages which the Applicant has achieved in his invention. If a mobile terminal wherein the housing, display and flip cover are all movable independently from one another were indeed obvious, it would have been disclosed in at least one of the references relied upon by the examiner. Given the advantages of the claimed invention as explained above and in the specification, and the fact that no references show such a design, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 4 and 6 define an invention which is not fairly suggested by the prior art, either alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 5 and 7-10 of the present application depend from claims 4 and 6, respectively. In addition to the distinguishing features recited in claims 4 and 6 and discussed above, the mobile terminal of the present invention has additional advantageous features defined in the dependent claims which further distinguish the present invention over the prior art. The references cited by the examiner do not disclose or suggest these features with their many advantages.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that the mobile terminal claimed in the present application is not fairly taught or suggested by any of the references cited by the examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 4-10 at an early date are respectfully requested.

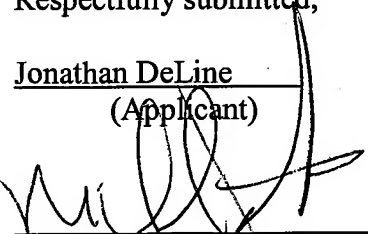
If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or anticipates finally rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

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